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SHIELD TESTS AT EASTERN

Eastern will begin to use saliva tests for COVID-19 from SHIELD Illinois.

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SOLID DEFENSE

The women's basketball team held Morehead State to just 50 points in a win Thursday.

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Jennea Genard, a sophomore pre-nursing student and Andrews Hall desk assistant, working on her laptop Thursday evening while working the desk.

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Quick News

CFD puts out structure fire Thursday

Staff Report | @DEN_news

The Charleston Fire Department extinguished a fire at a single family home at 12:16 a.m.

The fire at 1900 11th Street was in a home no one was living in at the time of the fire but there was evidence of squatters, according to a CFD press release. No injuries were reported.

Crews arrived to the scene and located smoke and a small fire in the living room. The first was extinguished and did minor damage to the structure.

Crews were on scene until around 3 a.m. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Charleston Fire Department, Charleston Police Department and the Office of State Fire Marshall.

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Eastern students share reactions from 1st week of new semester

By Corryn Brock
News Editor | @corryn_brock

Eastern is wrapping up the first week of classes in the Spring 2021 semester and the university's second semester on campus under COVID-19 regulations.

Some students are excited for the new semester, looking forward to graduating in May or just happy to have some sense of normalcy in having in-person classes while others are not as excited to have another semester plagued with COVID-19.

Either way students are taking on a new semester with new courses, classmates and challenges to face.

Skylar Redmond a senior geography major, said she is looking forward to two of her classes this semester, Sociology of Disasters and Geospatial Intelligence. Redmond says she thinks the professors for the courses will help make the courses easy to take.

Eli Ruter, a senior computer and information technology major, said he's enjoying some classes but he feels some of his classes should be taught online instead of in person.

"My senior seminar was amazing because I have a good teacher but (my ethics class) was really boring," Ruter said. "I only had two in-person and one online and so far they seem pretty spaced out with seating and fairly safe but still I believe that (the

"I hope this semester is better with in-person classes instead of online, more school events if COVID goes down, and possibly no masks, but we can only hope for the best."

-Cooper Morrell, freshman

ethics class) should be a Skype class with the way it is taught as an intro and being in-person should not be required as it currently is because it puts students at risk for literally no reason because all she does is talk."

Cooper Morrell, a freshman studio art major, said he doesn't have a favorite class yet but he's looking forward to making connections with professors.

"I don't really have one right now, I'm just trying to live my life and if I make a really good connection with a teacher then I will know if he/she is my favorite teacher or the class," Morrell said.

Morrell said he is hoping this semester is closer to a typical college experience than his first semester was.

"Don't get me wrong last semester was great, but it didn't seem like the college experience I wanted since there's a pandemic

going on right now," Morrell said. "I hope this semester is better with in person classes instead of online, more school events if COVID goes down, and possibly no masks, but we can only hope for the best."

Redmond said she recommends students get serious early in the semester.

"Study, write down all your due dates, and use the resources available. The student success center has helped me tremendously in the three years I've been here," Redmond said. "Just have a good semester!"

Ruter said his goals for the semester are to not die from COVID, get straight A's and to find a job for after graduation.

He said he thinks more classes should be offered online this semester.

"More teachers should be encouraged to offer online options for students because

Racism talk scheduled for next week

Staff Report | @DEN_news

The Academy of Lifelong Learning will virtually host Transversing Spaces: Increasing Empathy, Understanding, and Equity Cross Colors Jan. 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The conversation will continue Jan. 26 and Feb. 2. Carole Collins Ayanlaja will lead the class and discuss racism and how individual identity's are shaped. Ayanlaja will deconstruct what it means to be racist.

According to the Academy of Lifelong Learning, "learning cultural literacy and developing empathy will benefit your comprehension of current complex issues."

All three sessions are recommend but not required. The events are free and open to the public. Registration is requested for all three events and participants will be emailed a reminder and link.

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Biden unveils \$1.9T plan to stem COVID-19 and steady economy

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — President-elect Joe Biden unveiled a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus plan Thursday to end "a crisis of deep human suffering" by speeding up vaccines and pumping out financial help to those struggling with the pandemic's prolonged economic fallout.

Called the "American Rescue Plan," the legislative proposal would meet Biden's goal of administering 100 million vaccines by the 100th day of his administration, and advance his objective of re-opening most schools by the spring. On a parallel track, it delivers another round of aid to stabilize the economy while the public health effort seeks the upper hand on the pandemic.

"We not only have an economic imperative to act now — I believe we have a moral obligation," Biden said in a nation-

wide address. At the same time, he acknowledged that his plan "does not come cheaply."

Biden proposed \$1,400 checks for most Americans, which on top of \$600 provided in the most recent COVID-19 bill would bring the total to the \$2,000 that Biden has called for. It would also extend a temporary boost in unemployment benefits and a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures through September.

And it shoehorns in long-term Democratic policy aims such as increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, expanding paid leave for workers, and increasing tax credits for families with children. The last item would make it easier for women to go back to work, which in turn would help the economy recover.

The political outlook for the legislation remained unclear. In a joint statement, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer praised Biden for including liberal priorities, saying they would move quickly to pass it after Biden takes office next Wednesday. But Democrats have narrow margins in both chambers of Congress, and Republicans will push back on issues that range from increasing the minimum wage to providing more money for states, while demanding inclusion of their priorities, such as liability protection for businesses.

"Remember that a bipartisan \$900 billion #COVID19 relief bill became law just 18 days ago," tweeted Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. But Biden says that was only a down payment, and he prom-

ised more major legislation next month, focused on rebuilding the economy.

"The crisis of deep human suffering is in plain sight, and there's not time to waste," Biden said. "We have to act and we have to act now."

Still, he sought to manage expectations. "We're better equipped to do this than any nation in the world," he said. "But even with all these small steps, it's going to take time."

His relief bill would be paid for with borrowed money, adding to trillions in debt the government has already incurred to confront the pandemic. Aides said Biden will make the case that the additional spending and borrowing is necessary to prevent the economy from sliding into an even deeper hole. Interest rates are low, making debt more manageable.

FBI tracking 'extensive' online chatter about armed protests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is tracking an "extensive amount of concerning online chatter," including calls for armed protests leading up to next week's presidential inauguration, Director Chris Wray said Thursday.

Wray, in his first public appearance since the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, said in a security briefing for Vice President Mike Pence that the FBI remains concerned about the potential for violence at protests and rallies in Washington and in state capitols around the country.

Those events could bring armed individuals near government buildings and elected officials, Wray warned, while also noting, "One of the real challenges in this space is trying to distinguish what's aspirational versus what's intentional."

Wray said the FBI was receiving a "significant" amount of information that it was pushing out to other law enforcement agencies ahead of the inauguration. Information-sharing is critical before any significant public event like the inauguration, but the issue is receiving particular

scrutiny because of signs law enforcement was unprepared for the violent, deadly surge at the Capitol by loyalists of President Donald Trump.

Federal officials have warned local law enforcement agencies that the riot at the Capitol is likely to inspire others with violent intentions.

"We're looking at individuals who may have an eye towards repeating that same kind of violence that we saw last week," Wray said, adding that since January 6, the FBI has identified over 200 suspects. "We know who you are. If you're out there, an FBI agent is coming to find you," he added.

States nationwide have already been stepping up security in preparation for possible armed protests and violence this weekend, particularly at statehouses amid legislative sessions and inaugural ceremonies. Officials are reassessing their security plans for high-risk targets and police in major cities are preparing to be put on tactical alert if necessary. An FBI bulletin earlier this week warned of potential armed protests in all 50 states.

Expanded vaccine rollout in US spawns a new set of problems

The rapid expansion of COVID-19 vaccinations to senior citizens across the U.S. has led to bottlenecks, system crashes and hard feelings in many states because of overwhelming demand for the shots.

Mississippi's Health Department stopped taking new appointments the same day it began accepting them because of a "monumental surge" in requests. People had to wait hours to book vaccinations through a state website or a toll-free number Tuesday and Wednesday, and many were booted off the site because of technical problems and had to start over.

In California, counties begged for more coronavirus vaccine to reach millions of their senior citizens. Hospitals in South Carolina ran out of appointment slots within hours. Phone lines were jammed in Georgia.

Up until the past few days, health care workers and nursing home patients had been given priority in most places around the U.S. But amid frustration over the slow rollout, states have thrown open the line to many of the nation's 54 million senior citizens with the blessing of President Donald Trump's administration, though the minimum age varies from place to place, at 65, 70

or higher.

On Thursday, New Jersey expanded vaccinations to people between 16 and 65 with certain medical conditions — including up to 2 million smokers, who are more prone to health complications.

The U.S., meanwhile, recorded 3,848 deaths on Wednesday, down from an all-time high of 4,327 the day before, according to Johns Hopkins University. The nation's overall death toll from COVID-19 has topped 385,000.

President-elect Joe Biden unveiled a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus plan Thursday that includes speeding up vaccinations. Called the "American Rescue Plan," the legislative proposal would meet Biden's goal of administering 100 million vaccines by the 100th day of his administration.

More than 11.1 million Americans, or over 3% of the U.S. population, have gotten their first shot of the vaccine, a gain of about 800,000 from the day before, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. The goal of inoculating anywhere between 70% and 85% of the population to achieve herd immunity and conquer the outbreak is still many months away.

2020 sets another global temperature record

Earth's rising fever hit or neared record hot temperature levels in 2020, global weather groups reported Thursday.

While NASA and a couple of other measurement groups said 2020 passed or essentially tied 2016 as the hottest year on record, more agencies, including the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, said last year came in a close second or third. The differences in rankings mostly turned on how scientists accounted for data gaps in the Arctic, which is warming faster than the rest of the globe.

"It's like the film 'Groundhog Day.' Another year, same story — record global warmth," said Pennsylvania State University climate

scientist Michael Mann, who wasn't part of the measurement teams. "As we continue to generate carbon pollution, we expect the planet to warm up. And that's precisely what we're seeing."

Scientists said all you had to do was look outside: "We saw the heat waves. We saw the fires. We saw the (melting) Arctic," said NASA top climate scientist Gavin Schmidt. "We're expecting it to get hotter and that's exactly what happened."

NOAA said 2020 averaged 58.77 degrees (14.88 degrees Celsius), a few hundredths of a degree behind 2016. NASA said 2020 was warmer than 2016 but so close they are essentially tied. The European Copernicus group also called it an essen-

tial tie for hottest year, with 2016 warmer by an insignificant fraction. Japan's weather agency put 2020 as warmer than 2016, but a separate calculation by Japanese scientists put 2020 as a close third behind 2016 and 2019. The World Meteorological Organization, the British weather agency and Berkeley Earth's monitoring team had 2016 ahead.

First or second rankings really don't matter, "but the key thing to take away is that the long-term trends in temperature are very very clearly up and up and up," said Schmidt, who heads NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies that tracks temperatures. "We're in a position where we're pushing the climate system out of the bounds that

it's been in for tens of thousands of years, if not millions of years."

All the monitoring agencies agree the six warmest years on record have been the six years since 2015. The 10 warmest have all occurred since 2005, and scientists say that warming's driven by the burning of coal, oil and natural gas.

Temperatures the last six or seven years "really hint at an acceleration in the rise of global temperatures," said Russ Vose, analysis branch chief at NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information. While temperature increases have clearly accelerated since the 1980s, it's too early to discern a second and more recent acceleration, Schmidt said.

Eastern acquires SHIELD testing

Students up for awards

By Corryn Brock
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University President David Glassman announced that Eastern has entered into an agreement with SHEILD Illinois.

The agreement will bring widespread saliva testing to campus and according to Glassman will, "further safeguard the health and wellness of our students, our employees, and our broader community."

The testing will begin Jan. 19 and will allow for free weekly COVID surveillance testing. The tests have a 24-hour turnaround time for results.

The tests are non-invasive, only take a few seconds to perform and have a specificity of 99.8-99.9% with few false positives.

New variants of COVID-19 are detectable with the saliva test.

According to Eastern's websites, possible test results include:

- Negative: The virus was not detected.
- Invalid: The sample was non-optimal and could not produce appropriate data during testing at the lab. (Invalid results typically occur when non-optimal saliva samples are submitted. Before your next test, please be sure to refrain from eating, drinking, tooth brushing, mouth washing, or tobacco use for at least 1 hour prior to submitting your saliva sample. For best results, it is recommended to hydrate during the morning and get tested in the afternoon.)
- Positive: The virus was detected.
- Inconclusive: The sample was able to be processed in the lab, but was not able to definitively provide a detected or not detected result.
- Rejected: The sample was not able to begin the testing process in the lab. (This is likely due to low sample volume, the



Ben Drake, a sophomore history teaching major, gets tested for COVID at Eastern's flu shot and COVID testing site on Oct. 14, 2020.

cap coming off the tube in transport or other damage to the tube, and/or extremely poor sample quality. Before your next test, please be sure to refrain from eating, drinking, tooth brushing, mouth washing, or tobacco use for at least 1 hour prior to submitting your saliva sample. For best results, it is recommended to hydrate during the morning and get tested in the afternoon.)

All students and employees will receive an email with activation information from MySHEILD Illinois with a link, activation code and instructions on how to sign up for the MyShield Patient Portal.

Once the results are in those tested will be notified via email that new information is available in their MyShield Patient Portal.

Each week 500 students and employ-

ees will be randomly selected to participate in testing and students who participate in testing will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

Those who have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days do not need to be tested but should be tested if it has been 90 days since their last positive test.

When selected, individuals will receive an email and text message directing them to a website to fill out a consent form. Once the form is completed they will be redirected to the portal to register for their test date/ time.

The weekly testing is Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon on Court 5 of the Student Rec Center. Those participating in testing will enter through the exterior doors on the Northwest side of the building and not the

main doors to the building.

Those with accessibility issues can make special arrangements to take the tests in a nearby location or remain in their vehicle for testing in a reserved lot.

Testing next week will only be on Tuesday and Wednesday due to the university being closed to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Those with questions can email shield@eiu.edu. If someone is having issues with the portal they can contact the 24/7 SHIELD IL Help at 217-265-6059. They cannot release results but can assist people with access and supply reactivation codes and unlock accounts for patients.

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Staff Report | @DEN_news

One Eastern student and two alumni are up for Intercollegiate Broadcast System awards, that "honor the best and the brightest among college and high school media."

Those who are up for awards are 2020 journalism graduate Katelyn Eddington, senior accounting Randall Becker and 2020 television and video production graduate Nate Carlson.

In the category of Best Specialty Music Show, the Fogerty Radio Special is one of the finalists. It aired on Hit-Mix 88.9 WEIU FM Radio on March 7, 2020.

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"If I am not feeling well and we are in a pandemic I should be able to still attend class from my room, but some teachers still don't allow this and it needs to change," Ruter said.

Typically, Ruter said he would recommend getting involved on campus but due to COVID he recommends students set aside at least two hours a day to do homework to stay on top of work.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

COVID-19
testing
should not
be random

Eastern President David Glassman sent out an email Thursday detailing the implementation of saliva testing as a part of the university's COVID-19 testing efforts.

The testing, which is in partnership with University of Illinois's SHIELD Program, would begin on Jan. 19 and occur weekly from Monday to Wednesday in the rec center. Results would be sent within 24 hours of the test.

While this is encouraging news, there are aspects of the new testing procedures that seem unplanned.

The recipients of the test will be determined by a random selection of 500 students and employees each week. This feels wrong, as those who are immunocompromised should be prioritized to receive the tests rather than the possibility that multiple students who hold no regard for others' health receive the option and then never show up.

It is also disappointing that the university is in a position where they need to raffle off a \$25 gift card to students who complete their assigned testing.

Student apathy is at such a level that the university needs to provide an incentive for students to consider taking a COVID-19 test for the safety of those and others.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* continue to implore that people get tested for the safety of others and hope that the frequency and convenience of the new testing system encourages students to take the test when selected. If that doesn't work, hopefully the promise, er, chance, of receiving a gift card does the trick.

Quote of the Day:

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

Albert Einstein

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BY ELIZABETH TAYLOR

Keep an open mind toward aliens

Last December, Donald Trump signed a coronavirus relief bill that amounted to \$2.3 trillion, according to an article written by Harmeet Kaur at CNN. But did you know that there was a section in this bill that said the United States intelligence has to tell Congress what they know about aliens and UFOs?

They had 180 days from Dec. 27, 2020 when the bill was signed to release this information. This leaves us with 162 days from the day I'm writing this, Jan. 14, 2021.

This is really interesting information. The reports must include anything they currently know of of unexplained aerial phenomena, and the potentials of UFOs causing a national security threat.

I realize that the idea of aliens and UFOs tend to make people close off. It's a very controversial topic. Having a conversation about aliens with someone will either end with them thinking you're crazy, or end with them understanding. I always say that it is better to believe in the possibilities in the universe rather than staying close mind-



Gillian Eubanks

ed towards the endless array of possibilities there are.

This is also not the first time that the government has confirmed UFO evidence. They've never outright said they exist, but we all know they have to be hiding something. In April of 2020, the Pentagon released three videos of UFOs. According to an article on Forbes.com, one of the released videos was from 2004 and two of the released videos were from 2015.

This kind of released evidence suggests

that there is probably more evidence, data and research into aliens and UFOs. I can't help but wonder how much we will see come out in our lifetime. I think it's possible we will see a rise not only in information confirmed and released by the government, but also in rise in beliefs of extraterrestrial life. I mean, what are the serious chances we are the only things in the entire vast universe?

It's safe to say that whatever information is released in the coming months on UFOs will be incredible and very controversial. If you don't know much about aliens, I recommend researching more into aliens before they release this information to have more of an understanding on the subject.

I also believe that 2021 is proving to already be a weird year so we might as well start opening our minds to bigger ideas and beliefs.

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Respondus is a dystopian nightmare

Online classes are breaking down the barriers between school time and personal time, in some ways more innocuous than others.

We've all noticed it; weekends don't feel like weekends because school and work are now 24/7. On days off, many of us still have a nagging feeling that we need to be checking our online classes. Professors seem to forget that we still have jobs and need time to rest.

These are all somewhat expected issues with online classes, as well as with a global pandemic, but one crossover between the classroom and home took me by surprise.

A few days before I'm writing this, I wrote an article about the Respondus Browser.

This program intends to prevent cheating by recording video and audio of students as they take tests.

That already creeped me out, but it went further. The program tracks faces in the videos to see where students are looking. It also uses photo ID to confirm they are who they say they are.

It also tracks keystrokes and clicks and analyzes the data, using some mysterious algorithm to find suspicious behavior.

Further details about the program are available on



Elizabeth Taylor

the company's website, but even that was enough for me to hope I'm never required to use the Respondus Browser.

While I understand that preventing cheating in online courses is difficult, these measures feel extreme.

Last year, a New York Times article quoted professors and students alike who felt that there "has to be a better way."

While I don't agree with one quote that said this was like "communist Russia" (communism is not when computers are scary), I fully share in the sentiment that this technology feels like it is straight out of

a dystopian novel.

Picture it: thousands of employees, probably at a huge corporation like Amazon, hunch over computers at lines and lines of desks. They can't look up, they can't stop typing for too long, they can't step away from their computers, or dollars will be deducted from their paycheck for low productivity.

Yes, I'm being dramatic, but it seems bizarre to me to expect a computer algorithm to be able to identify human behavior in this way.

Sometimes you just need to stop staring at a screen- this doesn't mean you're looking at a sheet of test answers.

What if someone knocks on the door? Do you say, "Sorry, come back later," and trigger the technologies sensors? Or will the knock itself be interpreted as Morse code secretly sharing answers?

There does have to be another way.

Have tests in person, socially distanced.

Or- and stay with me here- try trusting students to behave like the adults we're meant to be.

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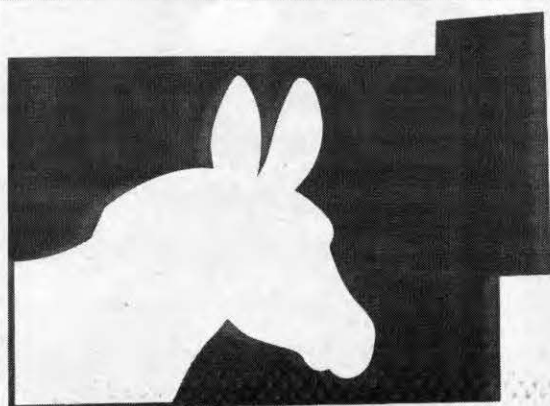
While the voters of this district could have elected a caring, compassionate person who works every day for the least of us, the majority of our fellow citizens cast ballots for Mary Miller, who quoted Adolf Hitler at our nation's capital. She spoke in the same area as did our demagogic, autocratic president. It is obvious that Mary Miller and our President do not represent democracy. They represent fascism. Many people of the 15th District are embarrassed and outraged by Trump's and Miller's comments and what they provoked. The violence that ensued after Miller and Trump spoke has shaken this nation. We call on all the people of the 15th District to denounce these efforts to upend a democratic election.

Mary Miller should immediately resign from her seat in Congress. Donald Trump, who refuses to resign, and has historically been impeached for a second time, must be convicted in the senate. We also suggest that all who voted for President Trump and Mrs. Miller prayerfully reconsider the wisdom of their vote.

From the Coles County Democratic Party

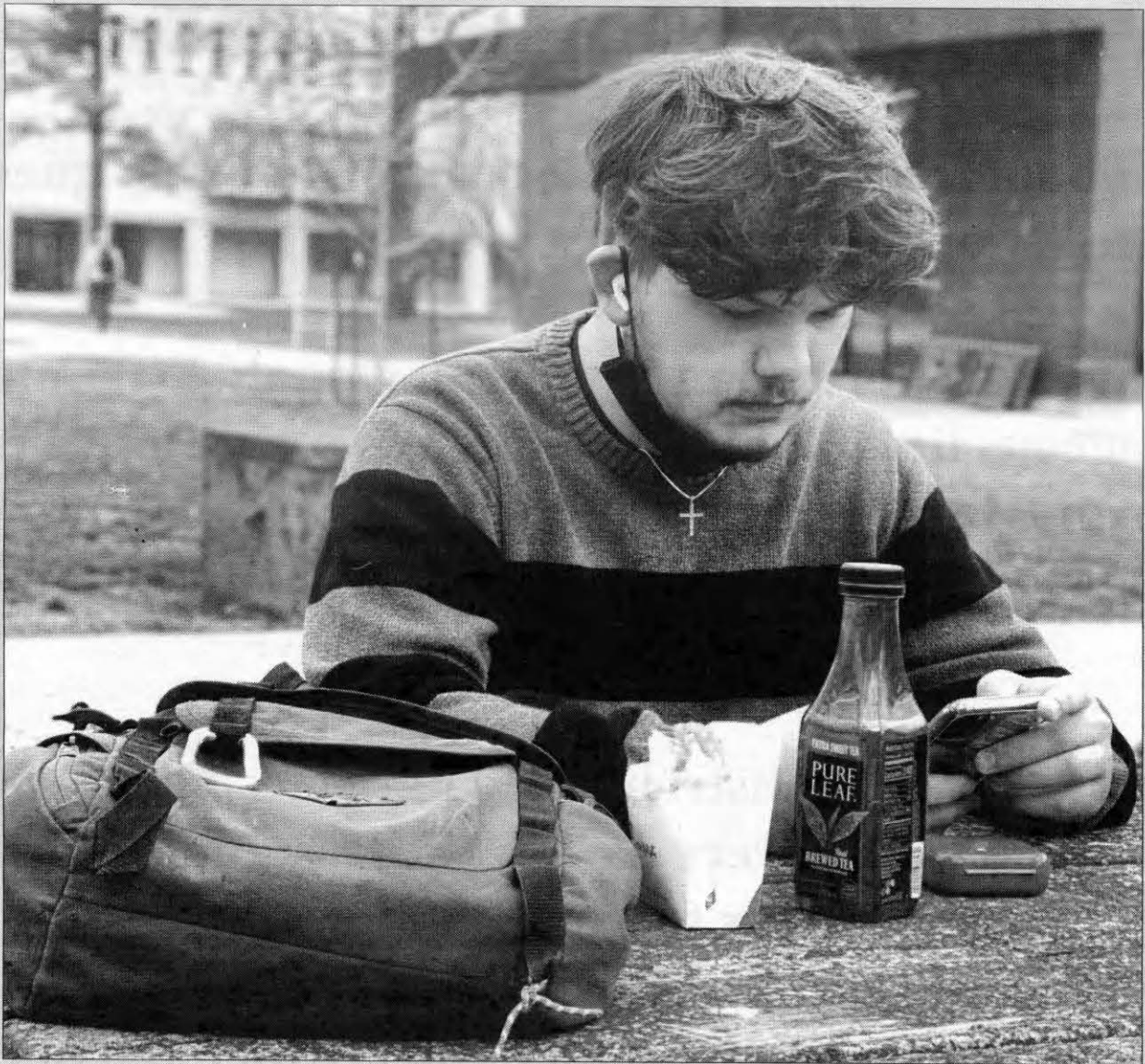
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Afternoon snack



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August Frisby, a freshman music performance major, is enjoys his snack at the Library Quad Thursday afternoon before heading to an afternoon class.

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Smith's historic streak ends in Eastern loss

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A record-breaking streak from Eastern guard Mack Smith ended Thursday in a game the Eastern men's basketball team lost 87-61 against Morehead State.

Smith did not make a three-point field goal in the game, which ended his streak of consecutive games with a three pointer at 91. Smith set a new NCAA Division I record with the streak, having broken the previous record of 88 back on Dec. 30.

"It was a lot of fun while it lasted. It lasted a long time," Eastern head coach Jay Spoonhour said. "I'm not sure how you respond when you've had 91 in a row and it doesn't go your way. It's probably pretty tough for him to take, but he'll be fine. The thing about it is that it's an unbelievable accomplishment and it was great when he was doing it, and now he gets to enjoy it for a while. One day somebody will come along and get it, but at least he gets to have it for a while."

Smith shot 0-of-10 from three and recorded 1 point in the game, but he was not the only Eastern player to struggle against the Eagles.

Eastern shot just 24-of-65 from the field and 7-of-28 from three while Morehead State shot over 50 percent from the field.

"It was bad," Spoonhour said of the game. "We weren't very good and they were good. They're a good team."

With the loss, the Panthers are

now 2-3 in conference play on the season and 5-7 overall.

Marvin Johnson led the Panthers on offense with 18 points in the game, shooting 7-of-20 from the field.

Johnson is the second-leading scorer on Eastern this season.

"He's been playing really well, and everything we get is because of him," Spoonhour said. "The plays he made were all good ones. In this one he kind of got rid of the ball and came off some screens and did some good things. He did fine, we're going to need him to play really well Saturday. Saturday will be real hard."

On Saturday, Eastern will host Eastern Kentucky at 4 p.m. in Lantz Arena. The Colonels are 5-1 in conference play this season and have the top-ranked offense in the OVC, averaging 81.3 points per game.

"They throw a lot of guys at you, and the game is really fast" Spoonhour said. "We've got guys out. We've got eight or nine guys that we're playing, so until we get some guys back, playing a team like this will be difficult, but you can do it. You've got to manage the ball, not give it to them, not let the game get going too crazy. They are playing very well, and Tre King is as good a big man as has been in this league in a while."

King, a junior forward for the Colonels, is third in the OVC in points per game (17.2) and second in rebounds per game (8.2).

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Eastern forward Sammy Friday IV attempts a layup from beneath the basket in a game against Morehead State Jan. 14. Friday had 8 points and 5 rebounds in the game, an 87-61 loss for the Panthers.

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Eastern defense stifles Eagles in 65-50 win

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The Eastern women's basketball team has turned a four game losing streak into a two game winning streak with a 65-50 win over Morehead State on Thursday. The victory improved the Panthers' conference record to 3-4 on the season.

Coming in to the game, Eastern's defense ranked 11th in the OVC, but the defensive performance Thursday was reminiscent of last season, when Eastern ranked third.

Eastern head coach Matt Bollant said he was happy with how the team played on defense.

"I'm just really proud of the fourth quarter we played. Unfortunately we haven't had a lot of great fourth quarters defensively, and today was definitely our best overall performance defensively," Bollant said. "I thought we just executed the buzz the best we have, we made a couple of tweaks in the buzz and that certainly has helped us."

The Panthers allowed Morehead State to score just 25 points in the first half while forcing 8 turnovers and holding the Eagles to 30.8 percent from the field.

The Panthers shot 40 percent in the first half and led 31-25 at half-time.

Morehead State responded to begin the third quarter, and managed to tie the game up at one point before Eastern started to pull away. In the fourth quarter, as Bollant said, the

Eastern defense put the game away.

They allowed just 9 points and held the Eagles to 4-of-12 from the field. Eastern shot 7-of-13 and scored 19 points in the quarter.

On offense, the Panthers' balanced scoring attack made another appearance, with Lariah Washington scoring 17 points, Karle Pace scoring 16 and Abby Wahl adding 13.

All three players rank in the top-10 in the OVC in scoring, making Eastern the only team with three top-10 scorers.

Washington said that she thought the win Thursday was a solid team effort.

"I just thought we played really well together, offensively and defensively, and if we keep doing that we'll keep getting wins," Washington said.

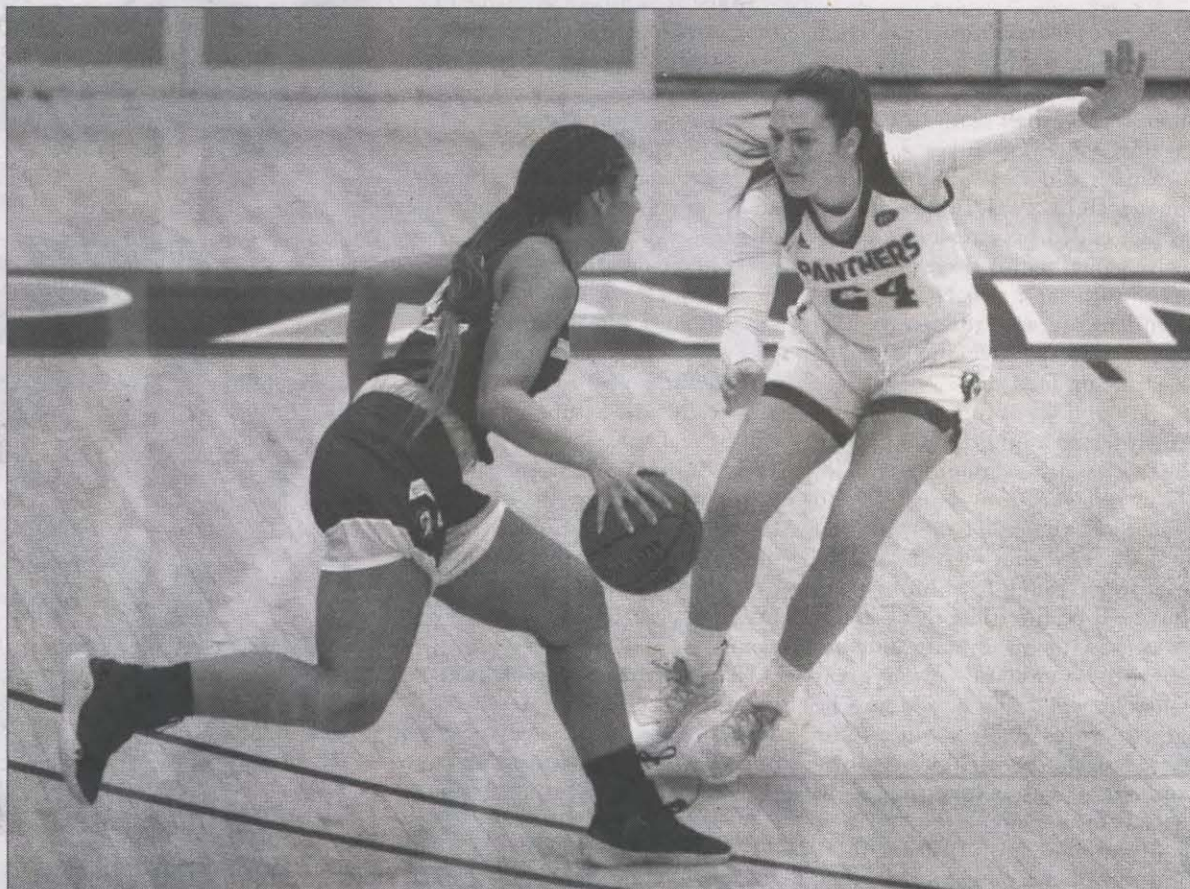
As for the defensive performance of the team, Washington said that she believes it was a result of work the team has been putting in.

"I just think we have been focusing on steals and defense more, and just anticipating today was a big one."

The Panthers used this anticipation to steal the ball 15 times, with Washington, Pace and Kira Arthofer tallying 4 steals apiece. Arthofer also recorded 8 points, 5 rebounds and three assists.

Wahl continued her strong season by adding 8 rebounds to her 13-point effort. She leads the team this season in both categories.

Bollant said that this game, in addition to a win against Southern Il-



Eastern forward Morgan Litwiler guards a Morehead State player in a game against the Eagles on Jan. 14. The Panther defense forced 23 turnovers in a 65-50 win.

linois-Edwardsville back on Monday, can help build momentum heading into a game Saturday against Eastern Kentucky.

"We've had two wins this week, we got a good Eastern (Kentucky) team. They're 5-2 in the league. The went

to Edwardsville today and played really well, and they come in with a lot of confidence," he said. "It starts with our defense. If we can defend the way we did today, we'll certainly give ourselves a shot."

Eastern and Eastern Kentucky

played on Dec. 30 with the Colonels picking up a 80-69 win.

The game Saturday tips off at 1 p.m. from Lantz Arena.

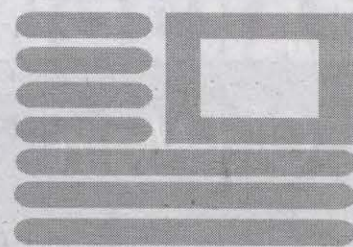
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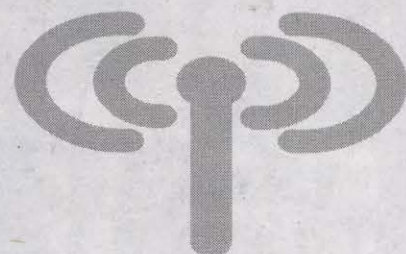
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